

Petition uses accomodation of the handicapped as a reason to eliminate CW testing.

We don't give driver's licenses to the blind either. CW may be a mode that IS most useable to

a handicapped amateur - via puff and sip controller. If CW is eliminated as a requirement,

there would be fewer amateurs who could use it WITH the handicapped.

Element 1 Testing must be retained, with current handicapped accomodations. CW is as fundamental as knowing the traffic rules that Red lights mean stop, and Green lights mean Go.

We don't give people driver's licenses without a practical test. CW is an essential fallback mode for communications;

The very purpose of Amateur Radio in the US is to to provide Emergency Communications capability.

When conditions are poor, CW can be sent, even from the TouchTone Pad on a VHF/UHF HT. If CW is no longer

required, Amateur Radio emergency capabilities will degrade unnecessarily.